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REPORT

—OF THE—

AUDITOR • OF • ACCOUNTS—

—AND—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

**Town of Wiscasset,**

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1891,

And Estimates of the Selectmen for the  
Ensuing Year.



WISCASSET:

EMERSON, STEAM PRINTER,

1891.



# Appropriations, Receipts and Expenditures.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1890-91.

For paupers and town farm.....	\$1,500 00
Contingent expenses.....	300 00
Town officers.....	550 00
Highways .....	1,500 00
Sidewalks and bridges.....	1,000 00
Fire department.....	300 00
Schools .....	1,500 00
Abatements .....	200 00
Commissions .....	300 00
Town debt and interest.....	5,000 00
School text books.....	700 00
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Total town tax.....	\$12,850 00
State tax.....	\$724 63
County tax.....	443 41
Overlay .....	87 96
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	\$14,106 00

## ASSESSMENTS.

Tax on real estate.....	\$9,610 68
Personal estate.....	3,205 32
Polls .....	1,290 00
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	\$14,106 00
Valuation Real Estate	\$400,445
"    Personal Estate	133,555
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Total	\$534,000
Rate .024	

# Bills paid by Orders drawn by Selectmen during the Year Ending March 2, 1891.

## On Account of Town Farm and Paupers.

APPROPRIATION, \$1,500.

### Superintendent:

William S. Dow to January 15, 1891..... \$300 00

### Store Accounts:

Alfred Lennox.....	\$48 84	
Sarah B. Hilton.....	3 56	
J. C. Budd & Co.....	58 03	
Chas. W. West.....	5 10	
E. C. Somes.....	4 70	
J. M. Knight.....	120 78	
Jesse White.....	41 41	
Nath'l Lincoln.....	22 00	
Wm. Farnham.....	21 60	
Page W. Nute.....	18 78	
Colby & Taylor.....	15 57	
Gibbs & Rundlett.....	4 35	
Chas. P. Knight.....	5 80	
F. T. Dana.....	8 20	
R. H. T. Taylor.....	38 52	
S. W. Dana.....	60	
Edw. B. Neal.....	7 66	
F. E. Johnson.....	2 50	
Silas L. Young.....	11 20	
Sarah E. Carr.....	4 59	
C. B. Seekins.....	6 88	
Fred Albee, beef.....	3 60	
John H. Dow, supplies.....	2 20	
		\$456 47
John M. Jackson, labor.....	2 00	
John N. Rines, labor.....	1 50	
Moses Huntoon, labor.....	1 75	
Chas. E. Cowley, repairs.....	2 85	

H. Lowell, shoeing oxen.....	2 00	
John Nute, do .....	2 00	
C. H. Leverton, physician.....	2 00	
C. A. Peaslee, do .....	15 00	
Samuel Foye, use of stock.....	1 50	
R. H. T. Taylor, insurance.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 60

*Insane Hospital Patients:*

Judith A. Dickinson.....	\$137 30	
Sarah Ann Haraden.....	135 20	
	<hr/>	\$272 50
<i>Total orders drawn.....</i>		<hr/> \$1,074 57

*Deduct:*

Sales from town farm.....	\$39 52	
Work of oxen.....	5 40	
Amount received from Moses Rines being amount advanced to him in 1889.....	1 50	
<i>Net expenses.....</i>	<hr/> 1,028 15	<hr/> \$1,074 57

Held in trust for Catherine Munsey, fund of \$125.00 deposited in the Wiscasset Savings Bank to the credit of the town and under the exclusive control of the Selectmen and Treasurer.

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### Contingent Account.

APPROPRIATION, \$300.00.

Chas. E. Emerson, printing and stationery.....	\$48 25
Frank A. Creamer,' Clerk of Courts, case Woolwich vs. Wiscasset.....	71 99
Gibbs & Rundlett, stationery, &c.....	18 35
Freeman Blackledge, witness.....	1 36
John McKenney, " .....	4 20
Joseph G. White, " .....	4 20
Charles Weeks, expenses attending sale Railroad	25 00
L. W. Gibbs, do to Rockland.....	2 25
Burleigh & Flint, advertising.....	2 25
Bradford Moore, removing draw.....	2 00
Charles W. West, do .....	1 00
Barnard W. Smith, do .....	2 00

C. F. Adams, do .....	2 00
L. B. Marston, do .....	3 00
William Southard, do .....	1 50
Sanford Lewis, do .....	50
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs road machine.....	8 50
Alfred Call, watchman.....	5 00
John Cowley, whitewashing tomb.....	3 00
W. G. Cunningham, wood.....	3 00
John C. Budd & Co, " .....	1 85
Lewis Lowell, moving road machine.....	50
Abram McKenney, making snow plow.....	7 07
J. M. Knight, use of hall.....	14 50
Daniel C. Rines, labor.....	1 50
Alfred Call, services as constable.....	2 75
Edw. B. Neal, sundry materials.....	5 34
R. H. T. Taylor, express.....	1 15
Seth Patterson, tramps.....	53 10

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*Total orders drawn.....* \$297 11

*Deduct:*

Sale cemetery lots.....	\$10 00
Use pasture.....	3 00
Licenses.....	12 00
Muscongus Ice Co., rent of land.....	15 00
Seth Patterson, liquor jug sold.....	85
Net expenses.....	256 26

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\$297 11

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## Fire Department.

### APPROPRIATION, \$300.

*Care of Engines:*

Alex. Blagdon, No. 1.....	\$12 00
C. H. Rice, repairs.....	1 00
Jos. T. Cowly, No. 2.....	6 00
Jas. Munsey, oiling hose.....	6 00
Albert W. Hall, do.....	2 00
Edw. B. Neal, materials.....	2 50

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\$29 50

*Payment of firemen:*

No. 1, 50 men.....	\$150 00
No. 2, 40 men.....	120 00
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	\$299 50

**Town Officers.**

## APPROPRIATION, \$550.

Charles Weeks, Selectman.....	\$150 00
L. W. Gibbs, do. ....	95 00
Wilson Lewis, do. ....	98 00
R. H. T. Taylor, Treasurer.....	50 00
C. A. Peaslee, Supervisor.....	100 00
do. Health Officer.....	12 00
Alfred Call, Truant Officer.....	45 00
do. Constable.....	7 60
Warren Pushard, Police.....	4 00
S. L. Blagdon, do. ....	2 00
Sol. Holbrook, Clerk.....	15 50
F. W. Sewall, Auditor.....	25 00
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	\$604 10

**Sidewalks and Bridges.**

## APPROPRIATION, \$1,000.

*Lumber:*

Albert B. Erskine.....	\$145 32
Nathan McKenney.....	24 61
Bradford Clark.....	7 40
J. Manchester Haynes.....	309 84
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	\$487 17

*Labor:*

Wm. F. Hobson.....	\$2 50
Gustavus Roberts.....	9 50
Abram Nute 2d.....	9 50
John M. Jackson.....	47 00



Moses Rines.....	\$1 00	
Joseph Jackson.....	5 50	
Alfred A. Foye.....	5 80	
Bradford Clark.....	46 00	
W. G. Cunningham.....	16 70	
Daniel C. Rines.....	2 00	
Geo. B. Rhines.....	4 00	
F. J. Brookings.....	3 75	
L. B. Marston.....	2 00	
John McKenney.....	3 00	
George McKenney.....	2 00	
Joseph Groves.....	16 00	
Sewall Dickinson.....	6 00	
James Grover.....	10 20	
Alden Bailey.....	11 65	
Wilson Lewis.....	34 95	
B. B. Jackson.....	11 00	
James L. White.....	5 50	
E. S. Grover.....	5 00	
Robert Foye 2nd.....	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$262 30

*Trucking:*

Geo. F. Rines.....	\$11 55	
Wm. S. Damon.....	75	
J. P. Hilton.....	75	
Fred West.....	5 85	
Jasper Rines.....	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$22 40
National Wood Co., materials.....	\$11 00	
Edw. B. Neal, materials.....	10 38	
F. T. Dana, materials.....	19 88	
	<hr/>	\$41 26
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		\$813 13

*Deduct:*

Sale lumber.....	\$5 00	
Net expenses.....	808 13	
	<hr/>	\$813 13

**School Text Books.**

APPROPRIATION, \$700.

American Book Co.....	\$462 70
Ginn & Co.....	58 80
Lee & Shēphard.....	9 79
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn.....	10 08
William Wan & Co.....	1 10
Gibbs & Rundlett.....	87 95
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	\$630 42

*Deduct:*

Books sold.....	\$5 83
Net .....	624 59
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	\$630 42

**Highway Account.**

APPROPRIATION, \$1,500.

Charles Averill.....	\$3 75
B. L. Blagdon.....	8 65
S. L. Blagdon.....	7 10
J. W. Blagdon.....	10 05
F. J. Brookings.....	41 76
George Bailey.....	12 40
Anson M. Baker.....	14 16
John Baker.....	64
Thos. A. Bowdoin.....	9 60
W. R. Bailey.....	32 75
R. N. Bailey.....	8 50
Jotham Bailey.....	4 33
James Brookings.....	6 33
Wm. Colby.....	10 07
Fredk. Colby.....	36 63
Richard Colby.....	16 64
W. G. Cunningham.....	34 97
Isaac Coffin.....	2 00
James Clark.....	52 20

Bradford Clark.....	50 75
William Clark.....	2 00
Charles Clark.....	2 00
L. D. Dickinson.....	3 83
James Dickinson.....	4 00
Benjamin Dickinson.....	8 00
John H. Dow.....	\$42 03
Wm. S. Dow.....	11 63
Abiel G. Greenleaf.....	5 55
Hiram L. Greenleaf.....	27 93
Geo. W. Groves.....	27 60
James Grover.....	34 38
E. S. Grover.....	4 70
John Grover.....	5 66
Charles Grover.....	2 20
Frank Grover.....	16 00
U. S. Gibbs.....	3 55
Robert S. Foye.....	14 92
Philip Foye.....	11 01
Alfred A. Foye.....	1 00
W. P. Foye.....	8 80
Alfred Foye.....	15 00
Geo. D. Fullerton.....	58 60
Eugene Hubbard.....	16 16
Moses Huntoon.....	29 77
Jos. Huntoon.....	70
B. B. Jackson.....	7 53
N. G. Jackson.....	7 50
Joseph Jackson.....	15 00
John M. Jackson.....	44 30
Wm. Jones.....	8 00
Edward Jones.....	4 40
Abiel Kincaid.....	1 12
Ephraim Lowell.....	8 00
Lewis Lowell.....	2 93
Thomas H. Lowell.....	12 00
Warren Lowell.....	3 00
F. Lowell.....	6 50
M. H. Lowell.....	20 15
William Lowell.....	9 20

Philip Lambert, Jr.....	11 00
Edward Logan.....	3 00
Andrew Lacy, sundries.....	9 80
J. O. McBean.....	3 87
George McKenney.....	21 34
Nathan McKenney.....	80 00
Samuel F. Marston.....	2 25
Herbert Marston.....	6 50
W. F. Merry.....	15 90
John B. Munsey.....	4 33
Lyman Maxim.....	52 70
Bradford Moore, gravel.....	34 00
Abram Nute.....	34 30
Jeremiah Nute.....	64 85
Joshua Poole.....	10 62
Frank Plumstead.....	9 00
A. W. Plumstead.....	1 50
John W. Porter.....	17 34
George B. Rhines.....	5 68
William O. Rumrill.....	10 02
Gustavus Roberts.....	2 50
Thomas E. Rines.....	6 25
J. E. Robinson.....	14 40
Warren Sheldon.....	2 66
James V. Sproul.....	14 23
David Stinson.....	11 00
Oakes Seavey.....	3 36
George Seavey.....	7 00
Samuel Segars.....	19 50
Joseph H. Smith.....	11 25
Richard Small.....	3 00
John Smith.....	4 00
John Trufant.....	2 20
James Taylor.....	2 00
Charles W. White.....	13 76
James L. White.....	50 75
Joseph G. White.....	14 00
Lydia H. White.....	6 50
E. G. Williamson.....	8 00
I. G. Williamson.....	4 00
D. H. Wakefield.....	24 00
Daniel Quinnam.....	1 50

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 \$1,493 79

**Schools.**

APPROPRIATION .....	\$1,500 00	
State School Fund and Mill Tax.....	1,139 70	
Free High School Fund.....	250 00	
John C. Budd, Collector, 1886.....	40 00	
Chas W. West, 1887.....	12 50	
“ “ “ 1888.....	48 00	
“ “ “ 1889.....	177 58	
“ “ “ 1890.....	198 87	
W. F. Merrill, Agent, tuitions.....	62 00	
Tuition, District No. 3 from Dresden.....	30 00	
“ “ “ 5.....	3 60	
Balance due Districts Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, March 1, 1890.....	25 47	
		<hr/> \$3,487 72

*District No. 1:*

For wages of teachers.....	\$1,971 00	
Painting blackboards.....	3 50	
Fuel, and manufacturing same.....	97 01	
Taking census.....	5 00	
Insurance.....	16 00	
Agent.....	10 00	
Assessor of taxes.....	15 00	
Printing and stationery.....	20 35	
Labor and materials.....	32 86	
Trucking .....	6 35	
Care of rooms, and cleaning.....	88 00	
Overdraft March 1, 1890.....	26 44	
		<hr/> \$2,291 51

*District No. 2.*

For wages of teacher.....	\$300 00	
Fuel.....	13 25	
Care of room.....	5 75	
Cleaning room.....	7 25	
Materials for repairs.....	2 28	
Agent's bill, which includes sundry items	13 58	
		<hr/> \$342 11

*District No. 3.*

For wages of teacher.....	\$154 00	
Fuel, and manufacturing same.....	4 55	
Care of room.....	2 50	
Repairs .....	1 25	
Overdraft, March 1, 1890.....	27	
	<hr/>	\$162 57

*District No. 4.*

For wages of teacher.....	\$100 00	
Board of same.....	30 00	
Fuel.....	8 50	
Agent's bill, which includes sundry items	3 95	
	<hr/>	\$142 45

*District No. 5.*

For wages of teacher.....	\$138 00	
Fuel .....	7 20	
Shingles .....	10 50	
Materials .....	1 06	
	<hr/>	\$156 76

*District No. 6.*

For wages of teacher.....	\$243 00	
Fuel, and manufacturing same.....	21 00	
Repairs, painting &c.....	25 04	
Agent's bill, which includes sundry items	9 25	
	<hr/>	\$298 29
Balance due District No. 1.....		\$9 44
“ “ “ “ 2.....		32 45
“ “ “ “ 3.....		7 43
“ “ “ “ 4.....		22 99
“ “ “ “ 5.....		15 28
“ “ “ “ 6.....		6 44
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		\$3,487 72

**Collectors' Accounts.***I. G. Williamson.*

DR.

To uncollected taxes, 1889.....	\$6,473 51
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CR.

By Cash paid Treasurer.....	\$6,147 93
Abatements.....	159 30
Commissions.....	129 47
Non-resident.....	36 81
	<hr/> \$6,473 51

DR.

To amount committed for year 1890.....	\$14,106 00
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CR.

By paid State tax in full.....	\$724 63
" County tax in full.....	443 41
" Treasurer .....	6,735 00
Abatements.....	72 17
Commissions.....	161 28
Uncollected taxes to new account.....	5,969 51
	<hr/> \$14,106 00

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.***Alfred Call, Collector.*

DR.

To uncollected taxes, 1882.....	\$47 16
"    "    1883.....	158 70
	<hr/> \$205 86

*John C. Budd, Collector.*

DR.

To uncollected taxes, 1885.....	\$6 33
"    "    1886.....	44 85
	<hr/> \$51 18

CR.

By Cash paid Treasurer.....	\$40 00
Abatements.....	11 18
	<hr/> \$51 18

*Chas. W. West, Collector.*

## DR.

To uncollected taxes, 1887, 1888.....	\$95 82
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## CR.

By paid Treasurer.....	\$60 50	
Commissions.....	25 27	
Abatements.....	10 05	
	<hr/>	\$95 82

*Chas. W. West, Collector.*

## DR.

To uncollected taxes, 1889.....	\$315 00
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## CR.

By paid Treasurer.....	\$177 58	
Uncollected taxes to new account.....	237 42	
	<hr/>	\$315 00

*Chas. W. West, Collector, 1890.*

## DR.

To amount committed.....	\$521 63
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## CR.

By paid Treasurer.....	\$198 87	
Uncollected taxes to new account.....	322 76	
	<hr/>	\$521 63

**Abatements.**

## APPROPRIATION, \$200.

Of the taxes of 1889.....	\$159 30	
" " " " 1890.....	72 17	
	<hr/>	\$231 47

**Commissions.**

## APPROPRIATION, \$300.

I. G. Williamson, 1889.....	\$129 47	
I. G. Williamson, 1890.....	161 28	
	<hr/>	\$290 75



**Expenditures for the Year.**

	1889-90	1890-91
Town farm and paupers.....	\$1,172 79	\$1,074 57
Contingent expenses.....	379 30	297 11
Fire department.....	283 75	299 50
Town officers.....	562 50	604 10
Sidewalks and bridges.....	619 62	813 13
Highways .....	1,144 37	1,493 79
Schools .....	3,479 67	3,366 98
School Text books.....		630 42
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$7,642 00	\$8,579 60

**Outstanding Orders.**

Highway, No. 180.....	\$14 80	
Orders paid by Treasurer.....	8,564 80	
	<hr/>	\$8,579 60

**Statement of Town Debt, March 2, 1891.**

Four per cent. Bonds.....	\$21,800 00	
Six " " " .....	100 00	
Unpaid coupons to Oct. 1, 1890.....	1,076 50	
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1891.....	363 33	
Due School Districts.....	94 03	
Outstanding order.....	14 80	
	<hr/>	\$23,448 66

*Less:*

Cash in the Treasury.....	\$8,383 19	
Uncollected taxes.....	5,969 51	
Funds held in trust.....	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$14,477 70
		<hr/>
		\$8,970 96

The old issue of bonds is not included in above statement, the par value of which, outstanding at this date, is \$8,700.

**Treasurer's Account.***R. H. T. Taylor, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Wiscasset.*

DR.

To cash in Treasury, March 1, 1890.....	\$768 24
“ “ from Knox & Lincoln R. R., the Town's proportion of the earnings to August 1, 1890.....	2,509 88
Received in full for the Town's interest in the K. & L. R. R.	100,929 16
State School fund and mill tax.....	1,139 70
High School fund.....	250 00
J. C. Budd, Collector, District No. 1, 1886.....	40 00
C. W. West “ “ “ “ 1887.....	12 50
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1888.....	48 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1889.....	177 58
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1890.....	198 87
W. F. Merrill, tuition.....	62 00
School District No. 3, Town of Dresden.....	30 00
“ “ “ 5, tuition.....	3 60
School text books sold.....	5 83
R. R. and telegraph tax.....	63 37
Non-resident taxes collected.....	34 41
From Henry Ingalls, trustee for self and others, signers of notes for \$45,000, with Wiscasset bonds as collateral..	1,208 20
Sidewalks and bridges.....	5 00
Contingent account.....	40 85
Town farm account.....	46 42
I. G. Williamson, Collector, 1889.....	6,147 93
“ “ “ “ 1890.....	6,735 00
Bounty on crows.....	12 30
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	\$120,468 84

CR.

By paid bonds.....	\$89,725 00
“ Loans.....	7,832 35
“ Interest and coupons.....	5,947 95
“ Outstanding orders.....	3 25
“ Crow bounty.....	12 30
“ Orders drawn by Selectmen.....	8,564 80
Balance in Treasury, March 2, 1891.....	8,383 19
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	\$120,468 84

**Estimates for 1891.**

The Selectmen submit the following estimates for a tax for town purposes for the ensuing year :

For paupers and expenses of farm	\$1,200 00
Schools	1,500 00
Town officers	500 00
Fire department	300 00
Sidewalks and bridges	\$1,000 00
Contingent expenses	300 00
Abatements	200 00
Commissions	200 00
Town debt and interest	1,000 00
Highways—in money	1,800 00

CHARLES WEEKS,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
LINCOLN W. GIBBS,		
WILSON LEWIS,		

## State of Maine.

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To ~~Abel Boy~~ *Constable of the Town of Wiscasset,  
in the County of Lincoln, Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Wiscasset, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Franklin Hall, in said town, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March, instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

*First:*—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

*Second:*—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

*Third:*—To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, and the poor, and repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the year ensuing.

*Fourth:*—To see what action the town will take in relation to raising money to aid in paying, refunding or renewing the existing indebtedness of the town in whole or in part.

*Fifth:*—To see if the town will appoint a Committee to negotiate the sale of the Hobson Mill, so called, and will assist in such sale financially.

*Sixth:*—To see what action the town will take in reference to ringing the town bell.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at their office, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of March, instant, from nine o'clock in the forenoon, until twelve o'clock noon.

Given under our hands this seventh day of March A. D. 1891.

CHARLES WEEKS,	}	Selectmen
LINCOLN W. GIBBS,		of
WILSON LEWIS,		Wiscasset.

# Report of the Supervisor of Schools.

In compliance with the requirements of law, I submit the following report for the year ending March, 1891 :

Amount of money appropriated by the town

for Common Schools.....	\$1,500 00
From State fund and Mill tax.....	1,139 00
Tuition from Dresden for District No. 3.....	30 00
“ for District No. 5.....	3 60

Total for Common Schools..... \$2,673 30

Amount of money appropriated by District

No. 1 for free High School.....	\$500 00
“ “ “ by State.....	250 00
“ “ “ by tuition.....	112 50

Total for High School..... \$862 50

\$3,545 80

The above was apportioned to the several districts as follows :

No. of District.	Agent.	No. of Scholars.	Am't per Scholar.	Am't to District.	Raised or Appropriated to smaller Districts.	Total to District.
1	W. F. Merrill .....	398	\$4 00	\$1512 00	\$862 50*	\$2374 50
2	Thomas Bowdin.....	84	\$4 00	\$336 00	.....	\$371 00
3	Alvan Donnel .....	21	\$4 00	\$84 00	{ 35 00 }	\$170 00
4	Thomas Lowell.....	22	\$4 00	\$88 00	{ 30 00† }	\$158 00
5	James Brookings.....	25	\$4 00	\$100 00	{ 3 60‡ }	\$161 60
6	Geo. Hilton .....	70	\$4 00	\$280 00	{ 58 00 }	\$300 00
	Total .....	609		\$2400 00	\$1079 80	\$3535 10

\*For Free High School. †From town of Dresden. ‡Tuition.

**District No. 1.**

High School, Spring term, 1890, 12 weeks.

Harry L. Jewett, Principal ; \$18.75 per week.

Miss Bertha R. Folsom, Assistant ; \$4.00 per week.

Number attending school, 27.

Average number, 24.

This was Mr. Jewett's last term and we have only to say as in last report, his work was very successful.

Fall and Winter terms, 12 weeks each.

Chas. E. Cook, Principal ; \$18.75 per week.

Miss Bertha R. Folsom, Assistant ; \$4.00 per week.

Number attending, 40.

Average number, 38.

It was after long deliberation and with much anxiety that we decided upon a successor to Mr. Jewett in this school. Our anxiety however was of short duration for Mr. Cook very soon demonstrated that he was the right man in the right place. His work has been very successful, order excellent, and in fact I can truly say that he teaches a model school. I wish to especially compliment his method of conducting recitations.

Miss Folsom who has very ably filled the position of assistant, for the last few years, has been offered a better position which we learn she has accepted. This will leave a vacancy which we trust will be filled with care, as much depends upon the work of the assistant.

The Wiscasset High School is an institution of which we may well be proud. Its work consists of three courses, English, Classical and College Preparatory. These courses of study are similar to the best schools in New England, and we are glad to be able to say that any scholar in Wiscasset can fit for college or be prepared for the ordinary duties of life at home and with practically no expense. Last June diplomas were granted to Miss Mary F. Sears from the Classical course, and John A. Groves from the English course. The senior class of this year consists of eight members which will graduate the coming June. This class is made up of very worthy and hard working students, and I would recommend to my successor that he give them his careful attention.

## FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Three terms, 12 weeks each.

Miss Emma F. Knight, teacher ; \$7.50 per week.

Number attending school, 21.

Average number, 19.

The success of the High School in a measure depends upon the good work done in this school, and Miss Knight has often proved her ability to do this work. Her classes are always well prepared to commence High School work, when she gets through with them.

## SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Three terms, 12 weeks each.

Miss Sadie D. Varney, teacher ; \$7.50 per week.

Number attending school, 43.

Average number, 40.

This school has done its usual good work and Miss Varney has not lost any of her enthusiasm, nor her ability to enthuse her scholars. Scholars in this room work, not because a task is laid down, but because they enjoy it, and should any body doubt my word, I would invite such to visit the school and be convinced.

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Three terms, 12 weeks each.

Miss Mary E. Sewall, teacher ; \$7.50 per week.

Number attending school, 33.

Average number, 29.

The past year's work in this school has been all that could be asked. The teacher has attended faithfully to business and the result is all right. We think it would be hard to replace Miss Sewall in this school, and hope she will long defer her resignation.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Three terms, 12 weeks each.

Miss Dora O. Jackson, teacher ; \$7.50 per week.

Miss Nannie G. Arthur, Assistant ; \$2.00 per week.

Number attending School, 82.

Average number, 58.

These teachers are conducting this school in a manner thoroughly satisfactory. Together with the teachers we have studied the best interests of the children in the school and we believe work is conducted here to the very best advantage possible. Miss Jackson and Miss Arthur are careful, pains-taking teachers and how they can accomplish so much with so many small children in such snug quarters, is the only thing that causes me to wonder.

**Rural Districts.**

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Spring and Fall terms, 17 weeks.

Mrs. Laura E. Larock, teacher ; \$9.25 per week.

Number attending school, 45.

Average number, 36.

Mrs. Larock took hold of the work in this school with a will. Her interests were in the school room. Examination day proved to me that her work had not been in vain. From the reports of parents in this district I should judge that she would be called to this school another year.

Winter term, Jesse W. Lambert, teacher ; \$12.50 per week.

Number attending school, 35.

Average number, 26.

Mr. Lambert took this school when in first-class condition, and at my first visit I had no doubt about his success. At my last visit I found the house locked and upon inquiry learned that the teacher was obliged to close the school on Tuesday of that week, on account of sickness.

Not having a chance to examine the classes, of course I cannot report their progress. I wish to say that I do not think it is possible to hold spelling schools evenings, in connection with a day school, without very much detracting from the interest of the latter, and hope that no teacher who desires a first-class school will ever try the experiment.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Spring term, 9 weeks. Miss Altena H. Weeks, teacher ; \$6 per week.

Fall term, 10 weeks. John A. Groves, teacher ; \$10.00 per week.

Number attending school, 16.

Average number, 13.

This was Miss Weeks' first experience, but she was determined to succeed, and I can testify that she did. Her classes did well, scholars respected her, and made her work pleasant.

Mr. Groves commenced this school without former experience, yet one would suppose from his work that he was used to the business. He taught a good school and demonstrated that one can prepare themselves for a teacher in the Wiscasset High School. I earnestly hope that agents will look upon his application for a school with favor.



## DISTRICT No. 4.

Spring term, 8 weeks. Miss Minnie H. Lowell, teacher ; \$5 per week.

Fall term, 12 weeks. Miss Daisy Quinnam, teacher ; \$7.50 per week.

Number attending school, 11.

Average number, 9.

These teachers did faithful work in this school and the scholars advanced ; but the school is so small that it is impossible to awaken an interest. I think the parents in this district should advocate the "town system" so as to dispense with so small a district, certainly it is wasting money to run a school with so few scholars.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Two terms, 20 weeks.

Miss Mary E. Plumstead, teacher ; \$6.75 per week.

Number attending school, 16.

Average number, 13.

This school is made up of scholars who are thoroughly well behaved and well disposed, consequently an easy school for the right teacher. Miss Plumstead proved to be the right teacher and conducted the two terms very satisfactorily to all concerned. This district will do well to secure her for next year.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Three terms, 25 weeks.

Miss Jennie M. Wood, teacher ; \$9.67 per week.

Number attending school, 33.

Average number, 29.

In my last report I remarked that this school required a teacher of prompt decision, and who could use the ferule. The agent kindly consulted me in regard to the choice of teacher which resulted in the engagement of Miss Wood for the year. It is unnecessary for me to speak of her ability as a teacher, for that has long since become an established fact. She however found the school in a much worse condition even than I had pictured it to her, and would have resigned several times had I not begged of her to try a while longer. At last however success dawned upon her efforts and the last two terms in No. 6 instead of being bedlam, were model schools. We wish to thank Miss Wood for her untiring efforts, and success in redeeming this school, and regret that she has decided not to teach another year.

### Suggestions.

I feel that I must again remind the several districts that good teachers are necessary in order to have good schools, and until the "District system" is abolished let us see that agents are elected who will be sure to engage the right kind of teachers.

Shall I again speak of the importance of engaging our teachers for the full year, and if that teacher does well engage for another year. This changing teachers every term is all wrong. It does not do the teachers, scholars, or school, justice. The teacher who is engaged for two or three terms, makes them one long term with vacations. Where there is a different teacher for each term there are three distinct terms, with from one to three weeks of the first of each term practically wasted, while the new teacher is getting used to the scholars, etc. Why is it that our agents will not understand this thing? It is one of the most important facts connected with successful school work, and is one of the reasons continually urged why the "District system" should be abolished. I most earnestly hope that agents the coming year will engage their teachers on the condition that if satisfactory to supervisor they shall be continued through the year. May I also suggest that if agents have the best interests of their schools at heart they will do a very proper thing to consult with the supervisor before engaging any teacher.

### Free Text Books.

In accordance with the requirements of law the scholars have been in a measure supplied with free text books. Early in the year a question arose in the minds of the committee, and the following were submitted to the State Superintendent for decision.

TO HON. N. A. LUCE.

Question 1. Will you kindly state just what towns are obliged to do in regard to furnishing free text books?

Answer. Towns are required by the law to furnish text books free to all pupils in attendance, of all studies unconditionally admitted to the schools by the local school officers.

Question 2. Must we supply every scholar attending school with text books?

Answer. Yes.

Question 3. Will you state what the penalty would be if towns fail to comply with the law?

Answer. Retention of State School funds, under order of the Governor and Council, by the State Treasurer.

The following books have been bought and placed in the schools:—

Arithmetic.....	165	Astronomy.....	10
Mental Arithmetic.....	26	Philosophy.....	8
Algebra.....	11	Botany.....	12
Geometry.....	12	Book-Keeping.....	24
Grammar.....	82	Reading.....	302
Analysis.....	20	Spelling.....	89
History.....	40	Civil Government.....	15
English History.....	6	English Literature.....	4
Geography.....	159	Political Economy.....	2
Physical Geography.....	11	Latin.....	46
Physiology.....	14	French.....	6
Psychology.....	6	Greek.....	16
Geology.....	8	Total.....	1,094

For the purchase of these books \$624.59 have been expended, leaving an unexpended balance of \$75.41 of the last year's appropriation. In order that the next Supervisor may not be hampered in his work, I would recommend that an appropriation of \$50.00 be made for the ensuing year in addition to the balance now on hand.

Teachers as well as scholars have taken a great interest in the care of the books, not more than one or two instances of abuse have been reported and those but slight.

### Conclusions.

I must again for the third time express my most sincere thanks to the citizens of Wiscasset, and especially scholars and teachers for their hearty co-operation in all school work. I fail to recall a single action of mine in regard to school work that has not been sustained by all. It is unnecessary for me to say that this universal good will, must result in but one direction, and that for the good of the school. That it has so resulted is well proven by the flourishing condition of all schools. It is no idle talk when I say that Wiscasset can honestly lay claim to the best system of schools in Lincoln County, yet I do not wish any body to think that I claim perfection for them. Not by any means, we want many things yet.

In the first place we want new school buildings. We want apparatus. We want the "town system," and many other things which are all coming. Give us a new and proper building for our High School and I will guarantee in a few years to place it on a footing with any Academy in Maine. Let us look well after our schools and keep their standard

high. A town which does this must be prosperous sooner or later. Shall I look back to the old Wiscasset Academy under the Rev. Dr. Packard and ask those who know more about it than myself to mark its influence in the prosperity of Wiscasset for years after it ceased to exist.

Finally, the work of the past year has been anything but easy. There have been times when my patience has been tried to its utmost, and when it has seemed to me that I must resign my office. Receiving instructions from the State Superintendent, I endeavored to carry out the requirements of the law, according to these instructions, but doing this I met with great opposition. I have however tried to do my duty; first, by the schools; second, by the town. It will be necessary to buy quite a number of books the coming year to finish the supply. I hope I have so paved the way that my successor will find easier work than I have found.

And now, fellow-citizens, I close my report, and my work as supervisor, asking you to carefully select my successor that he may be better able to cope with the difficult and often complicated questions which arise in school work.

Respectfully,

CLARENCE ARDEEN PEASLEE.